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SUBJECT: R/V NATHANIEL B. PALMER MARINE RESEARCH CLEARANCE
REQUEST, JANUARY 1 - DECEMBER 31, 2005, FILE NO. 2004139

REF: STATE 264667

1. Embassy forwarded documents received December 14, 2004 and requested clearance for the R/V Nathaniel B. Palmer for the period January 1 - December 31, 2005, from the Americas Division of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (MFAT) of the government of New Zealand. We will advise when MFAT replies to the clearance request.

2. Para 5 of reftel notes that space can be provided for coastal state participation, if requested at least one month prior to ship's departure. As embassy did not receive initial clearance request via cable until December 11, 2004, and application documents until December 14, 2004, post requests that this one-month notification deadline be waived if New Zealand requests participation.

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